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NOTES PROGRESS IN IRRIGATION AND NAVIGATION PROJECTS

YELLOW RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Hankow, Ch'ang-chiang
Jih-pao, 26 May 51

Hsin-hsiang, 23 May -- A large-scale irrigation project which will provide water for 360,000 mou (one mou equals 1/6 acre) of land in the Hsin-hsiang area, and improve navigation on the Wei Ho, is being constructed along the north bank of the Yellow River, immediately above the Peiping-Hankow railroad bridge. The work is being done by the Yellow River Water-Conservancy Commission, and will be completed in June 1953. About 3,000 workers are now engaged in the construction of a dam and watergates which make up the main portion of the project.

The irrigation project consists of three canals. One canal will be cut from the west end of the dam to the area around Huo-chi and Hsin-hsiang, located west of the Peiping-Hankow railroad line, to irrigate 140,000 mou of land. Two canals will be cut from the east end of the dam to the area around Chi-hsien, Yen-ching, and Hsin-hsiang, located east of the railroad line, to irrigate 220,000 mou of land. In the future, these canals will be extended to irrigate a total of 400,000 mou of land.

Navigation of the Wei Ho is to be improved by cutting a canal from the dam to the Wei Ho just below Hsin-hsiang. This will increase the flow of water on this river by 20 cubic meters per second and will enable 100-ton riverboats to reach Hsin-hsiang even during the low-water season. At present, the Wei Ho, the only inland waterway between Tientsin and Hsin-hsiang, is not navigable during the low-water season.

COMPLETES HUNG HO RESERVOIR -- Canton, Nan-fang Jih-pao, 12 Jul 51

Peng-fou, 10 July -- Construction of a reservoir at Shih-man-t'ian, west of Wu-yang in Honan, on the upper reaches of the Hung Ho, a tributary of the Huai Ho, was completed on 7 July 1951, 3 months after it was begun. Completion of this reservoir has not only relieved the danger of floods along the Huai Ho, but has also provided irrigation for 90,000 mou of land from flood waters which will be retained and controlled at the reservoir.

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The reservoir was built to hold 4,700,000 cubic meters of water. It consists of three sections, a 450-meter wide and 22-meter high dam, an 85-meter long aqueduct to regulate the flow of reservoir water, and a 40-meter wide spillway.

COMPLETES DREDGING HUAI HO TRIBUTARIES -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao,
16 Jun 51

Peiping, 15 June -- In addition to construction of a reservoir in the upper reaches of the Hung Ho and a retention reservoir in the middle stream of the Huai Ho, the Huai Ho Water-Conservancy Commission has dredged the tributaries of the Huai Ho -- the Hung Ho, the Ju Ho, and the Ying Ho in Honan Province, and the Li Ho, the Tung Fei Ho, and the Hsi Fei Ho in Huan-pei District -- to remove the silt which would otherwise fill up the lower reaches of the river and cause the water to overflow during the flood season. About 3 million workers were used to complete this work, and about 100 million cubic meters of silt were removed during the operation.

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